

Application No.: 10/777,901Docket No.: 713-1006**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (canceled)
2. (currently amended) The fastener ~~Fastener~~ according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 7, ~~characterized in that it is being made in a single piece.~~
3. (canceled)
4. (currently amended) The fastener ~~Fastener~~ according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 3, ~~characterized in that~~ further comprising a join between the first spacer and the second spacer, wherein the second spacer (11) comprises, at its join is with the first spacer (10), a frangible region (17) of lesser thickness having a diameter smaller than the diameters of the first and second spacers.
- 5-6. (canceled)
7. (currently amended) A fastener for connecting first and second pieces each comprising a through hole with a predetermined contour, the first and second pieces having respectively first and second predetermined thicknesses, said fastener comprising a head and a body, wherein
said head comprises a transverse stop adapted to bear against the first piece;
the body comprises first and second spacers which are coaxial and disposed in line with

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each other in an axial direction, the first spacer being adjacent to the head and having a diameter greater than that of the second spacer which extends starting from the first spacer on the opposite side from the head;

each of the spacers comprises at least one lug, the lug on the first spacer being separated from the head by a first distance corresponding substantially to the first thickness of the first piece, the lug on the second spacer being separated from the first spacer by a second distance corresponding substantially to the second thickness of the second piece, the lug on the first spacer being aligned with the lug on the second spacer;

the transverse stop on the head is a projecting collar on the periphery of the head; and

Fastener according to claim 5, characterized in that the collar [(5)] comprises two cut-outs which define (7) leaving an axially movable locking tooth [(8)].

8. (currently amended) The fastener ~~Fastener~~ according to claim 7, ~~characterized in that the~~ wherein a width of [(the)] said locking tooth [(8)] is substantially equal to ~~that the width~~ of the ~~lugs (13)~~ lug of the first spacer [(10)].

9-10. (canceled)

11. (currently amended) The fastener ~~Fastener~~ according to claim [(1)] 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein

the head [(2)] comprises a tongue [(6)] for manual gripping, and ~~in that~~

each of the first spacer [(10)] and the second spacer comprises ~~(11) each comprise~~ two diametrically opposed said lugs, wherein the lugs ~~(13;18), the lugs (13)~~ on the first spacer are ~~(10)~~ being aligned with the lugs [(18)] on the second spacer [(11)].

12. (new) The fastener of claim 7, wherein
said tooth is angularly spaced, in a circumferential direction of said fastener, about 90

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degrees from the lugs of said first and second spacers, and

said tooth and the lug of said first spacer are substantially equally spaced from a central axis of said fastener.

13. (new) The fastener of claim 7, wherein said collar has only one said tooth, a remainder of said collar extending circumferentially of said fastener without interruption from one of said cut-outs to another.

14. (new) The fastener of claim 7, wherein said tooth has a material thickness greater than a remainder of said collar.

15. (new) A fastener, comprising a head and an elongated body extending in an axial direction thereof downwardly from said head;

said elongated body comprising, in said axial direction, a first enlarged portion connected to an underside of said head via a first neck portion and a second enlarged portion connected to said first enlarged portion via a second neck portion, whereby sheet materials having openings can be accommodated around said neck portions between said first enlarged portion and said head and between said first and second enlarged portions;

each of said enlarged portions having a greater dimension and a smaller dimension respectively in first and second radial directions perpendicular to said axial direction;

wherein the dimensions of said enlarged portions in said first and second radial directions are not greater than respective dimensions of said head in said first and second radial directions.

16. (new) The fastener of claim 15, wherein

the dimensions of said second enlarged portion in said first and second radial directions are smaller than the respective dimensions of said first enlarged portion in said first and second radial directions; and

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the dimensions of said first enlarged portion in said first and second radial directions are smaller than the respective dimensions of said head in said first and second radial directions.

17. (new) The fastener of claim 15, wherein said head comprises a transverse wall having a central region to which said elongated body is connected; and a collar extending downwardly from a periphery of said transverse wall and obliquely, away from said central region of said transverse wall;

wherein said collar comprises two cut-outs which define therebetween an axially movable locking tooth.

18. (new) The fastener of claim 15, wherein each of said enlarged portions has a maximum dimension and a minimum dimension respectively in said first and second radial directions which are perpendicular to each other.

19. (new) The fastener of claim 18, wherein each of said enlarged portions includes a central cylindrical portion and at least one lug extending outwardly from said cylindrical portion in said first radial direction to define the maximum dimension of the respective enlarged portion, the cylindrical portions of said enlarged portions being coaxial with one another and with the head which is circular in cross section.

20. (new) The fastener of claim 19, wherein each of said enlarged portions includes two said lugs extending outwardly from two diametrically opposite locations on the respective cylindrical portion to define the maximum dimension of the respective enlarged portion.

21. (new) The fastener of claim 20, wherein, in the whole elongated body, said second neck portion has smallest dimensions in both said first and second radial directions, thereby defining a weakest point of said elongated body which will be first ruptured upon application of

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sufficient stress to said elongated body.

22. (new) The fastener of claim 21, wherein said head comprises a transverse wall having a central region to which said elongated body is connected; and a collar extending downwardly from a periphery of said transverse wall and obliquely, away from said central region of said transverse wall;

wherein said collar comprises two cut-outs which define therebetween an axially movable locking tooth.

23. (new) The fastener of claim 22, wherein said tooth is angularly spaced, in a circumferential direction of said fastener, about 90 degrees from the lugs of said first and second enlarged portions.

24. (new) The fastener of claim 23, wherein a width of said locking tooth is substantially equal to that of the lug of the first enlarged portion, and said tooth and the lug of said first enlarged portion are substantially equally spaced from an axis of said cylindrical portions.

25. (new) In combination,

first and second sheet members each being formed with an opening having a greater dimension and a smaller dimension respectively in first and second radial directions perpendicular to an axial direction of said opening, the openings of said first and second sheet members being aligned with each other; and

a fastener comprising a head and an elongated body extending, in the axial direction of said openings, from said head through said openings;

wherein

said elongated body comprises, in said axial direction, a first enlarged portion connected to an underside of said head via a first neck portion and a second enlarged portion connected to said

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first enlarged portion via a second neck portion;

said first sheet member is disposed between said first enlarged portion and said head with said first neck portion located in the opening of said first sheet member;

said second sheet member is disposed between said first and second enlarged portions with said second neck portion located in the opening of said second sheet member;

each of said enlarged portions has a greater dimension and a smaller dimension respectively in the second and first radial directions;

the greater dimension of said second enlarged portion is smaller than the greater dimensions of said first and second openings and is greater than the smaller dimension of said second opening, thereby allowing said second enlarged portion to be aligned with and pass through the openings and then to be locked against withdrawal after rotation of said fastener a predetermined angle about said axial direction; and

the greater dimension of said first enlarged portion is smaller than the greater dimension of said first opening and is greater than the smaller dimension of said first opening, thereby allowing said first enlarged portion to be aligned with and pass through the first opening and then to be locked against withdrawal after rotation of said fastener the predetermined angle about said axial direction.

26. (new) In the combination of claim 25, wherein said head comprises a collar which has an axially moveable locking element partially received in the first opening to lock against further rotation of said fastener about said axial axis.

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